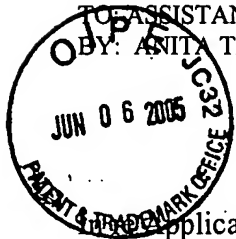


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Office Action dated 19 May 2005, please amend the claims as follows,
without prejudice: